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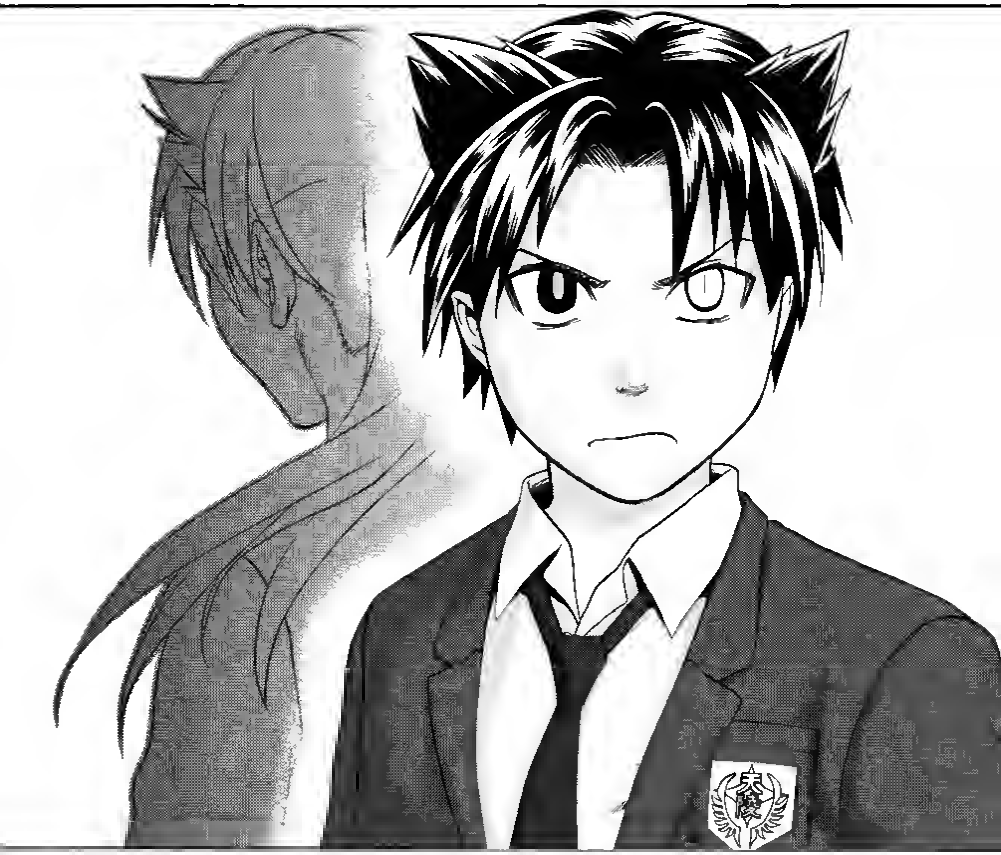

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PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING
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RAAHHH!

GH...!!
HE DEFLECTED IT...!!
YOU'RE STILL INCOM-PLETE.
HUH!?
EVEN IF YOU POSSESS POWER SURPASSING THAT OF A GREAT DEMON,
THAT MEANS NOTHING IF ALL YOU CAN RELY ON ARE PHYSICAL ATTACKS.

UNLIKE ME.
YES... I HAVE PLENTY OF SURE-BREC...
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SUREBREC!!
AND AS LONG AS I HAVE SUREBREC, I CAN CONTINUE TO GAIN POWER.

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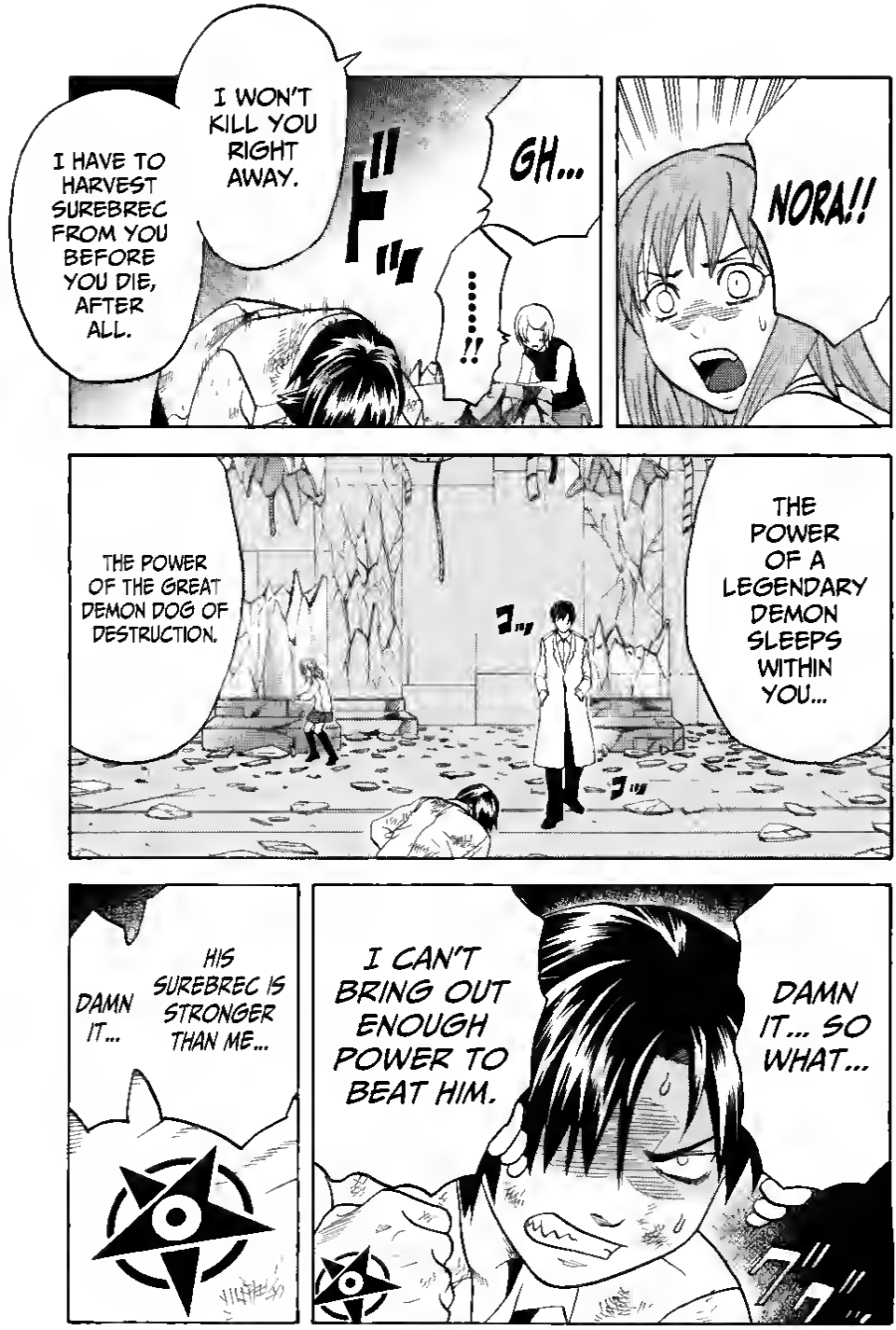
I HAVE TO HARVEST SUREBREC FROM YOU BEFORE YOU DIE, AFTER ALL.
I WON'T KILL YOU RIGHT AWAY.
GH...
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NORA!!
THE POWER OF THE GREAT DEMON DOG OF DESTRUCTION.
THE POWER OF A LEGENDARY DEMON SLEEPS WITHIN YOU...
DAMN IT...
HIS SUREBREC IS STRONGER THAN ME...
I CAN'T BRING OUT ENOUGH POWER TO BEAT HIM.
DAMN IT... SO WHAT...

DAMN IIIIIIIT!!
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YOU CAN TRY AS MANY TIMES AS YOU WANT, BUT NOTHING WILL CHANGE...

AGH...
NORA!!
NOW THAT'S JUST RUDE...
YOU DESTROYED FACILITY'S CEILING...
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RAIKA!!
KEINI!!

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IT SEEMS YOUR PARTNERS HAVE BEEN BURIED ALIVE...
OH, WHAT A SHAME.
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I'M GONNA BEAT THE CRAP OUTTA YOU!!!
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YOU...
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WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME IF THIS PLACE IS DESTROYED.

I'VE GOT PLENTY OF PEOPLE TO BORROW MORE MONEY FROM FOR MY RESEARCH.
THERE REALLY ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO APPRECIATE MY RESEARCH'S POWER.
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HE TOOK THAT MUCH SUREBREC...

GUAA-AHHHH!!
I CAN'T...
I CAN'T BEAT HIM...!!
GH!!
A... GH...
...HUMANS ARE TRULY GREEDY CREATURES.
I'M NO MATCH FOR HIM IF THIS IS ALL THE POWER I'VE GOT...!!
LEGENDARY DEMON, MY ASS...

I...
HAVE BEEN RESEARCHING THE BEINGS KNOWN AS "DEMONS" FOR A LONG TIME.
THEY POSSESS A SPECIAL POWER KNOWN AS "MAGIC" WHICH WE DO NOT,
AS WELL AS KNOWLEDGE ON A SIMILAR LEVEL TO OUR OWN.
YES... THEY ARE SUPERIOR TO US HUMANS.

...DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S UNFAIR?
SO I DECIDED TO STEAL IT.
SO THAT HUMANITY WOULD BECOME SUPERIOR... THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORMS!!
OF COURSE, THAT POWER HAS PRACTICAL USES AS WELL.
AT THE VERY LEAST, IT MEANS THAT SOMEONE LIKE YOU...
SOMEONE WHO CAN USE SO PATHETICALLY LITTLE POWER, POSES NO THREAT AT ALL.
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YOU...

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WAH!!

DAMN IT...
GH...
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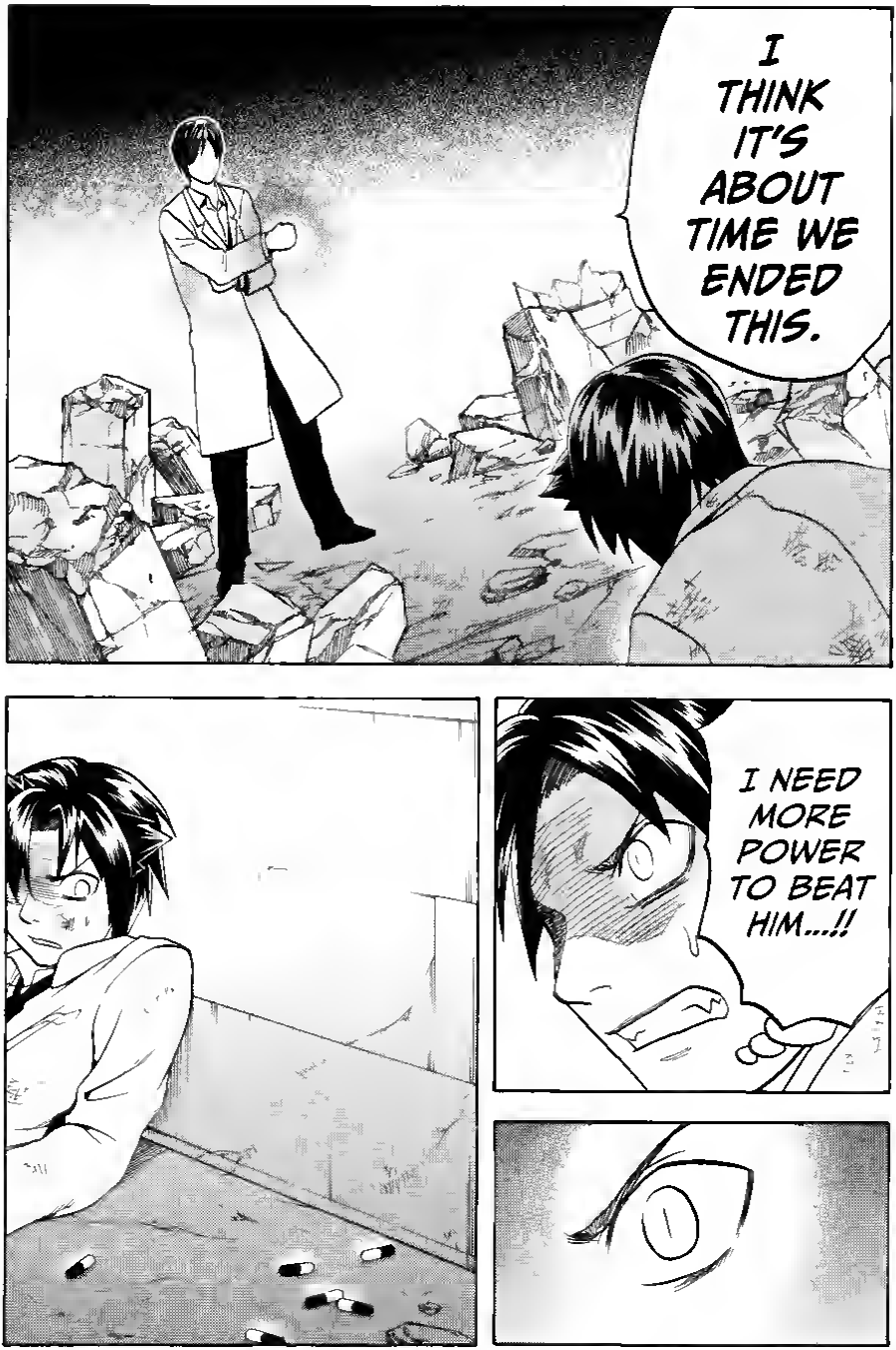
NOW...
I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH...
I NEED POWER...


I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME WE ENDED THIS.
I NEED MORE POWER TO BEAT HIM...!!

AND AS LONG AS I HAVE SUREBREC, I CAN CONTINUE TO GAIN POWER.
IF I HAVE SUREBREC...
I CAN GET THE POWER I NEED TO BEAT HIM...!!
IF I USE SUREBREC...

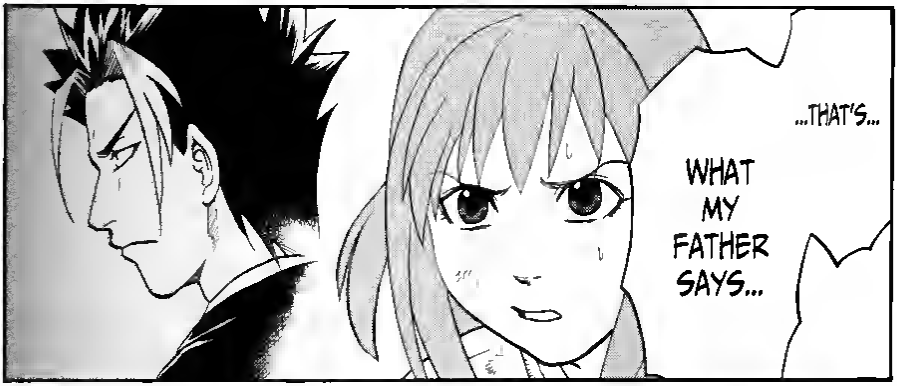
!!
FINALLY GOT OUT OF THERE...!!

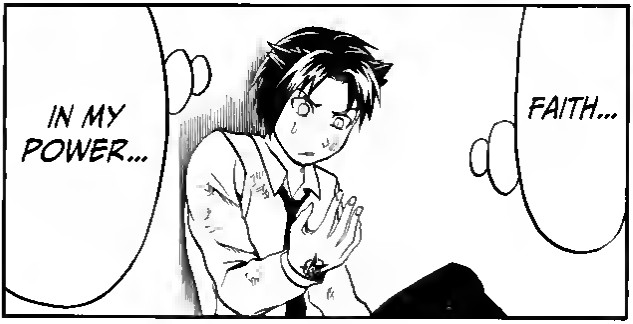
YOU TWO...
NORA!!
TIME FOR YOU...
NOW!!
TO BE THE ONE BURIED!!!

NORA!!
GOT HIM!
GAA-AAH-HH!!
HOW DARE YOU!!

...HUH!?
!!
YOU... WERE ABOUT TO TAKE SUREBREC, WEREN'T YOU!?
!!
WELL... NO... UM...
THAT JUST MAKES YOU THE SAME AS HIM!
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FAITH IN YOUR OWN POWER!?
YOU'VE SAVED ME SO MANY TIMES!!
I BELIEVE IN YOU AND YOUR POWER...

HOW DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME STRONGER IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FAITH IN YOUR POWER!?


...THAT'S...
WHAT MY FATHER SAYS...


IN MY POWER...
FAITH...

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THE HELL'RE YOU SPACING OUT FOR!!?
...HEY!!
...YOU NOT REMEMBERING ME...
IS PISSING ME OFF!!
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WH... WHAT WAS THAT FOR!?
TWICE IN A ROW...!!
I JUST GOT PUNCHED IN THE FACE BY A GIRL...
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DID YOU REALLY THINK THAT'D BE ENOUGH TO END THIS!?
YOU NEVER KNOW HOW TO FINISH THINGS!!
BUT I KNOW YOU'RE REALLY CERBERUS NOW.

NOW, NOW... SURPRISE ATTACKS LIKE THAT ARE NO FAIR.
YOUR REFLEXES HAVE TO BE STRENGTHENED QUITE A BIT TO DEAL WITH THEM...
!!!
FORTUNATELY, BOTH MY PHYSICAL ABILITIES AND MY VISION HAVE BEEN AMPLIFIED...
HEH HEH HEH... SUREBREC TRULY DOES COMPENSATE FOR EVERY POSSIBLE LACK OF POWER...
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I'LL SHOW ALL OF YOU...
A... AH...

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WE HAVE TO GET OUT, NOW! HEAD UP!!
OH CRAP...!!
WHA...

IS THAT...!!?
WHAT THE HELL...
MY ULTIMATE POWER HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED.
I DON'T NEED CERBERUS'S POWER ANYMORE...
I HAVE BECOME THE TRUE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM!!

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THIS IS REALLY BAD...!!
...HE'S ALREADY LOST IT...!!
IS HE EVEN TRYING TO HIT US!?
AT THIS RATE, HE'S GONNA WIPE THE WHOLE TOWN OFF THE MAP!!
IT'S NOT JUST GONNA BE US...

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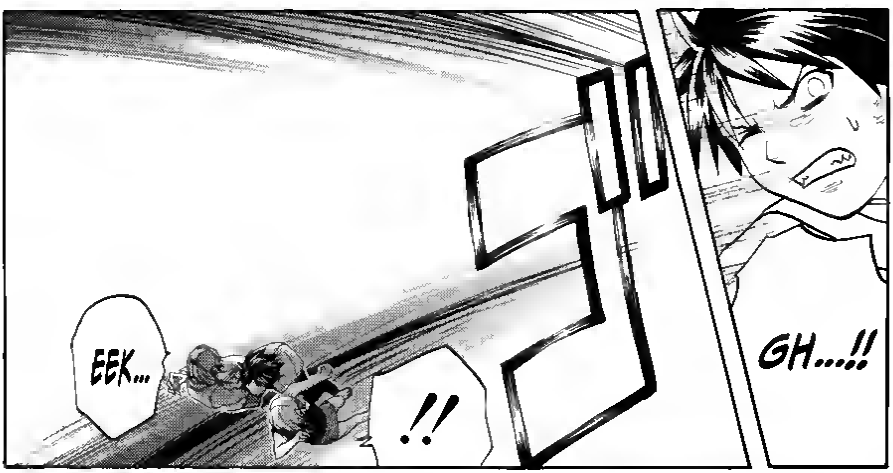
EEK...
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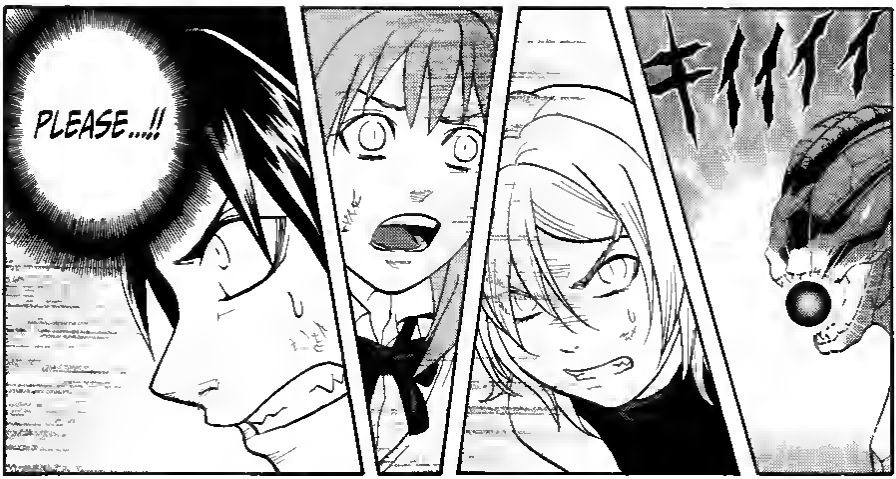
GH...!!

SHUT UP... I'M NOT LETTING HIM...
Y... YOU IDIOT!!
YOU DIDN'T NEED TO COVER ME TOO...
DAMN IT...!!

HUMANS OR DEMONS!!
HURT ANY MORE PEOPLE...
NORA...
!...
LEND ME YOUR POWER...!!
PLEASE... DEMON ME...

YOU SAVED ME BEFORE...
SO THERE'S SOMEONE YOU WANT TO PROTECT TOO, RIGHT?


PLEASE...!!!
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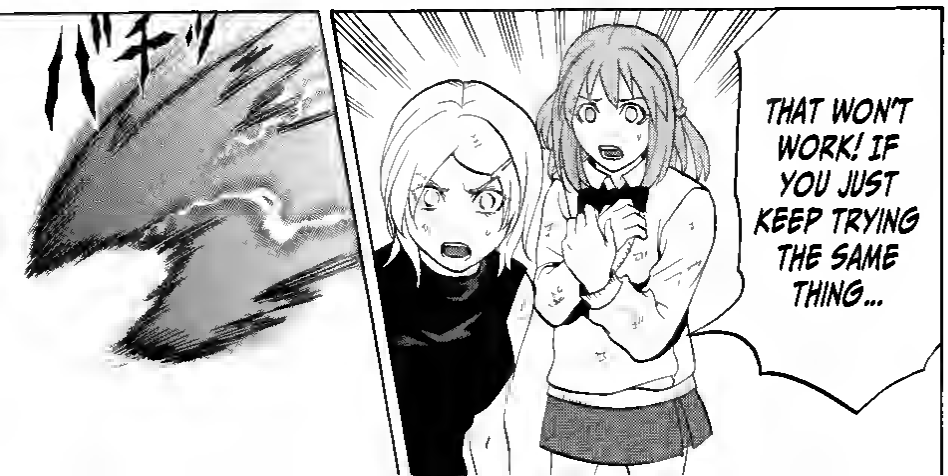
GIVE ME POWER!!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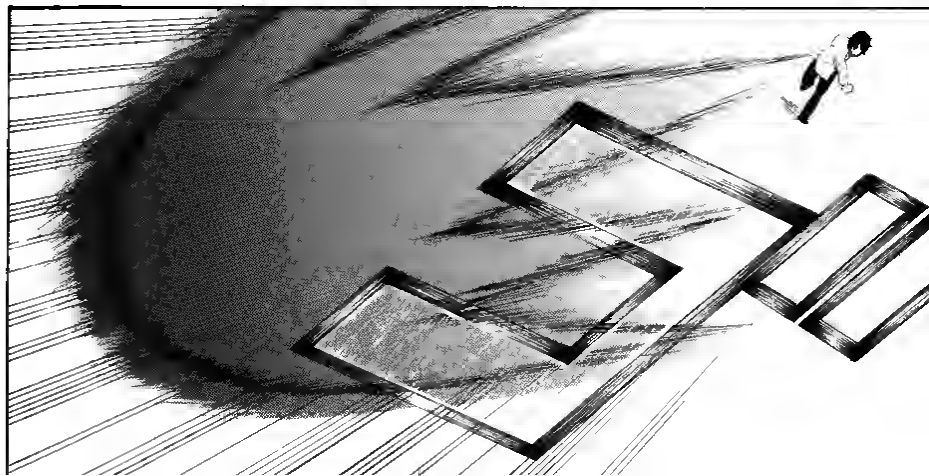
THAT WON'T WORK! IF YOU JUST KEEP TRYING THE SAME THING...



THAT'S...!!!

EARLY ROUGH DRAFT